

The Great Stagnation: Getting to the Next “Industrial Revolution”

Neuro-inspired Computational
Elements Workshop

Sandia National Lab Feb. 2013

Talk Outline:

- The Great Stagnation
- #BAM Project
- The Cognitive Society
- Goals for the next decade
- Infrastructure needs
- R&D strategies
- Conclusions and priorities



THE GREAT STAGNATION

*How America Ate
All the Low-Hanging Fruit
of Modern History,
Got Sick,
and Will (Eventually)
Feel Better*

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

The New York Times Bestselling
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What do we mean by stagnation?

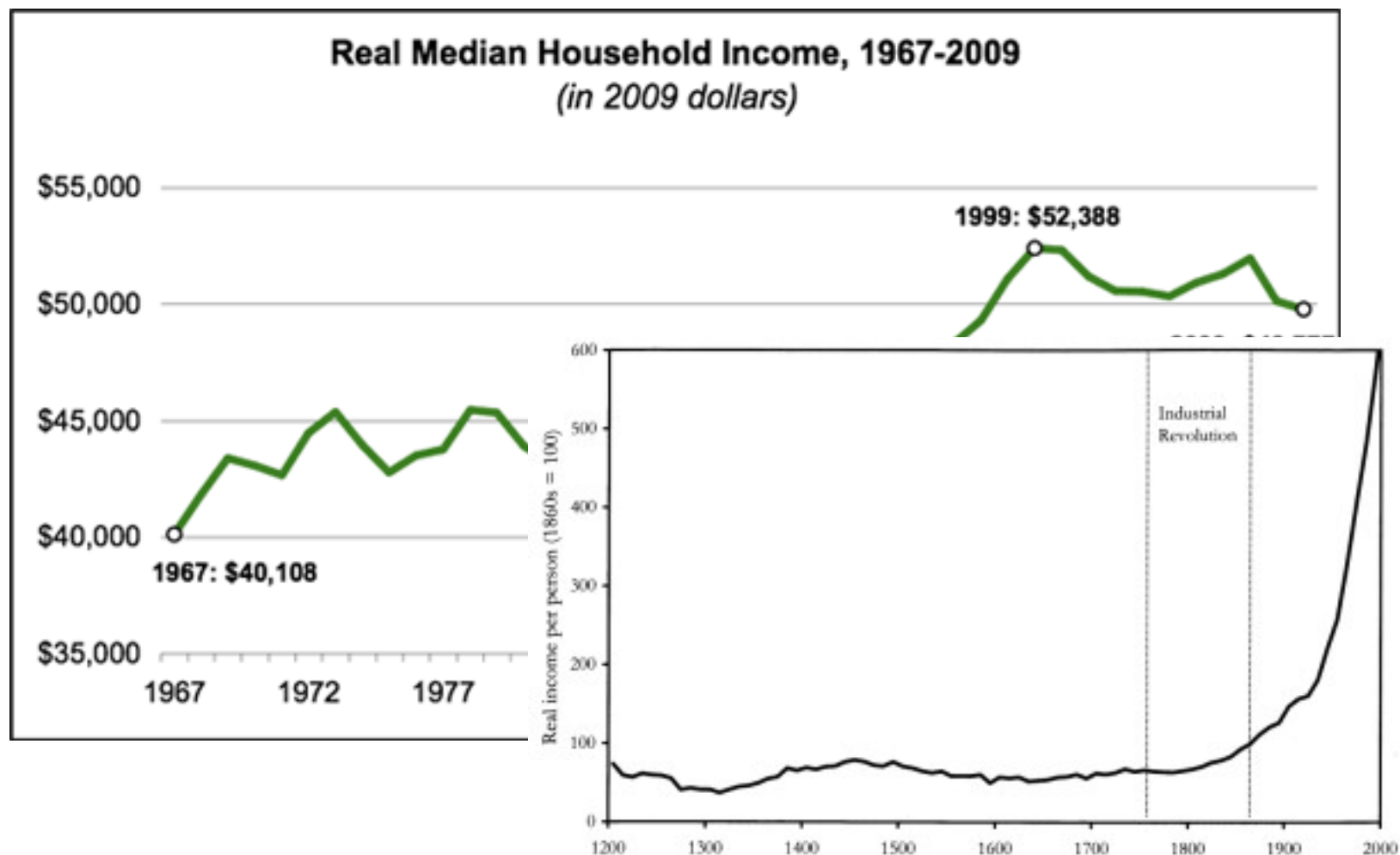
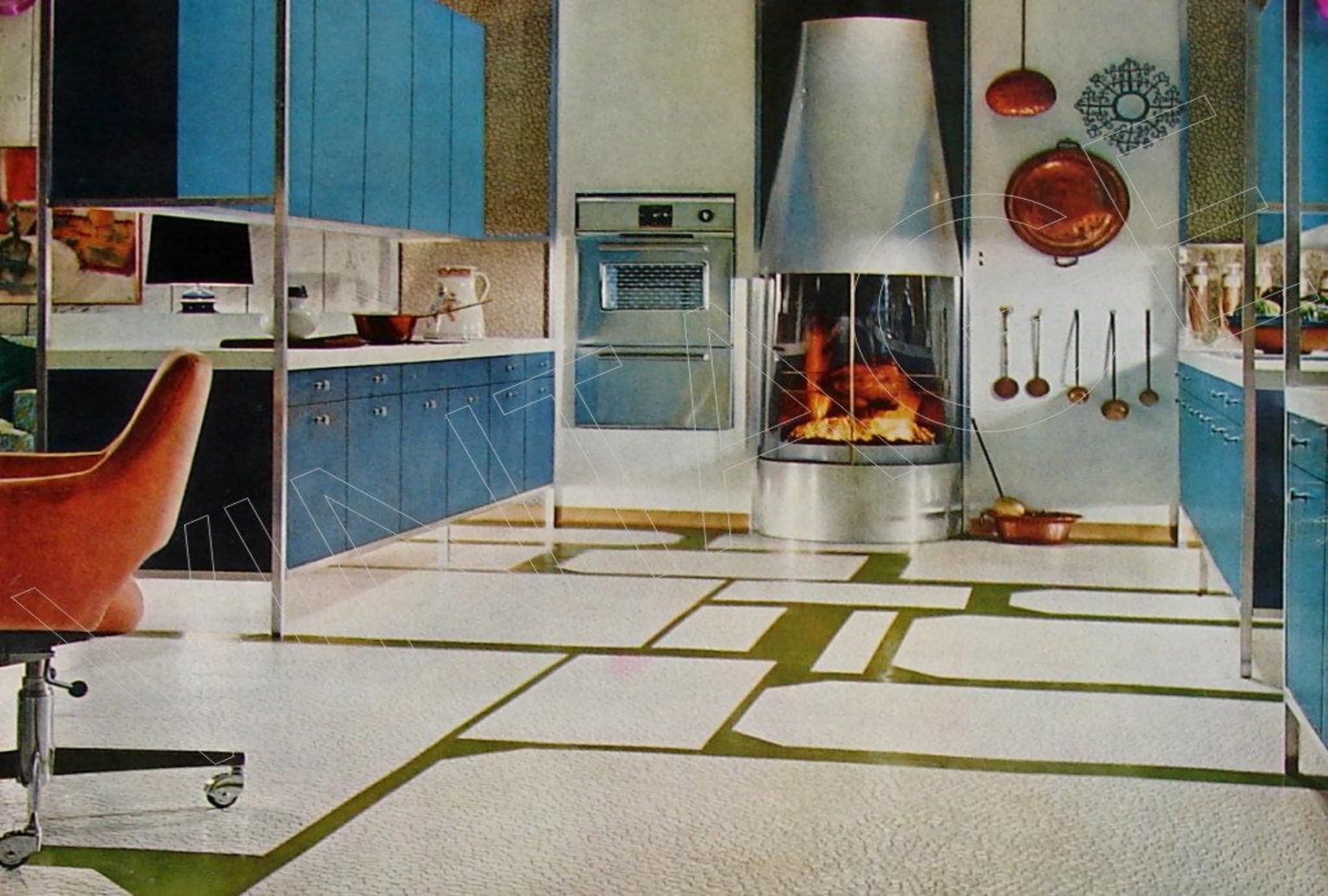


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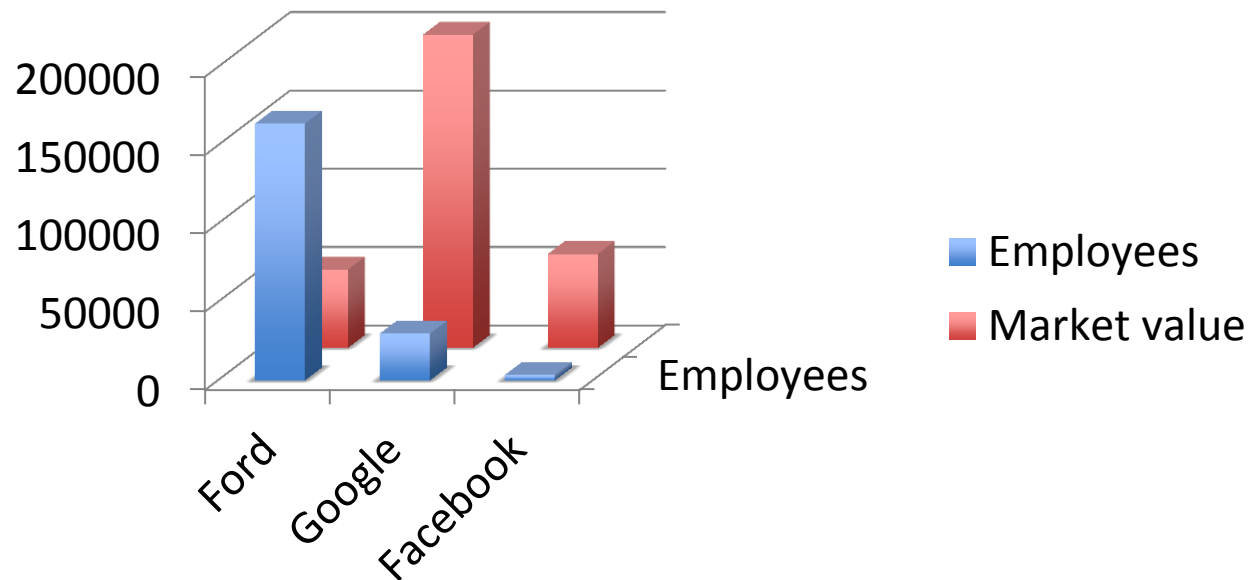


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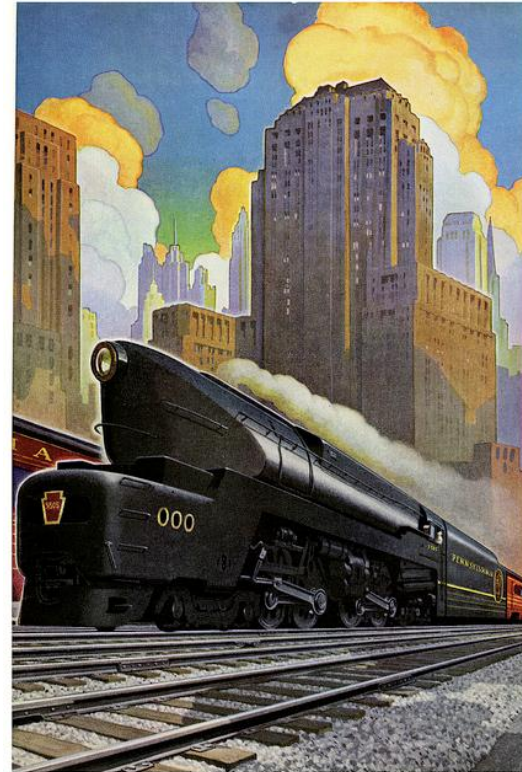


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Jobs versus Market Value:



TGS Argument: Moore's Law not like the Industrial Revolution or Electricity



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Francis S. Collins, the director of the National Institutes of Health, one of the federal agencies involved in the project.

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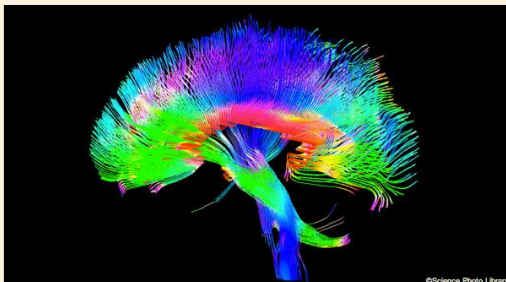
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Science: Contours of the mind

By Clive Cookson

Projects to map the brain herald a possible golden age of neuroscience



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Cranium cartography: these pathways carry information between nerve cells in the cerebrum, top, and brainstem, bottom.

For anyone daunted by a map of the London Underground, with nearly 300 stations on its maze of lines, it is probably best not to try to visualise a chart of the human brain.

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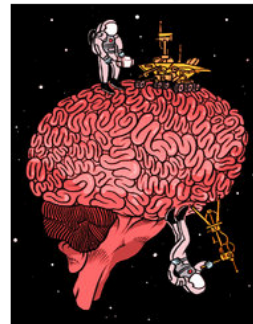
What Our Brains Can Teach Us

By DAVID EAGLEMAN

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Kristina Collantes

AFTER President Obama's recent announcement of a plan to invigorate the study of neuroscience with what could amount to a \$3 billion investment, a reasonable taxpayer might ask: Why brain science? Why the map of its activity, seeking to do now?

Here's why. Imagine you were an alien, one of the teams of neuroscientists and nanos catching sight of the Earth. Your first impression would be one of sheer awesomeness.

Our species knows nothing about human nature. It cannot interpret the interactions of seven billion people, let alone the social networks. With no acquaintance with human language or behavior, it would be unable to decipher the secret idiom of neighborhood governments, the interplay of local and global economies, the intertwining of national and international pandemonium, a meaningless Babel.

So it goes with the brain. We are the landscape, and the brain is an even more complex landscape.

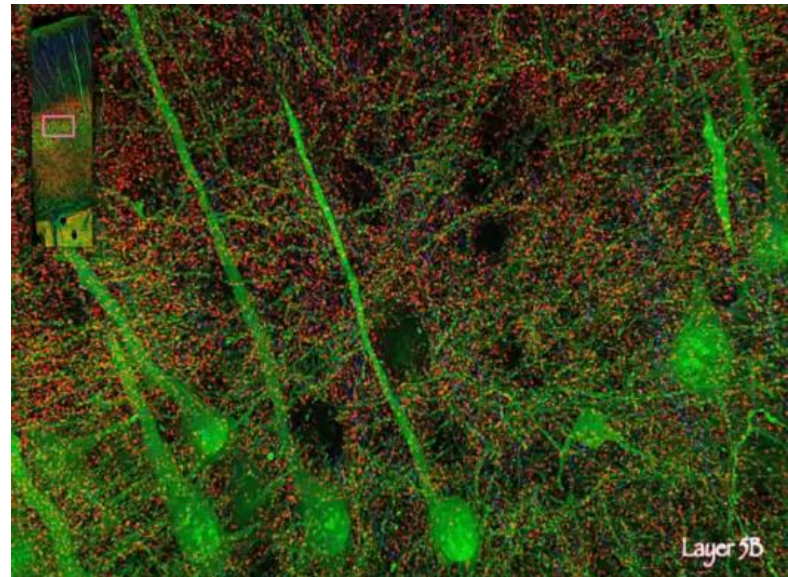
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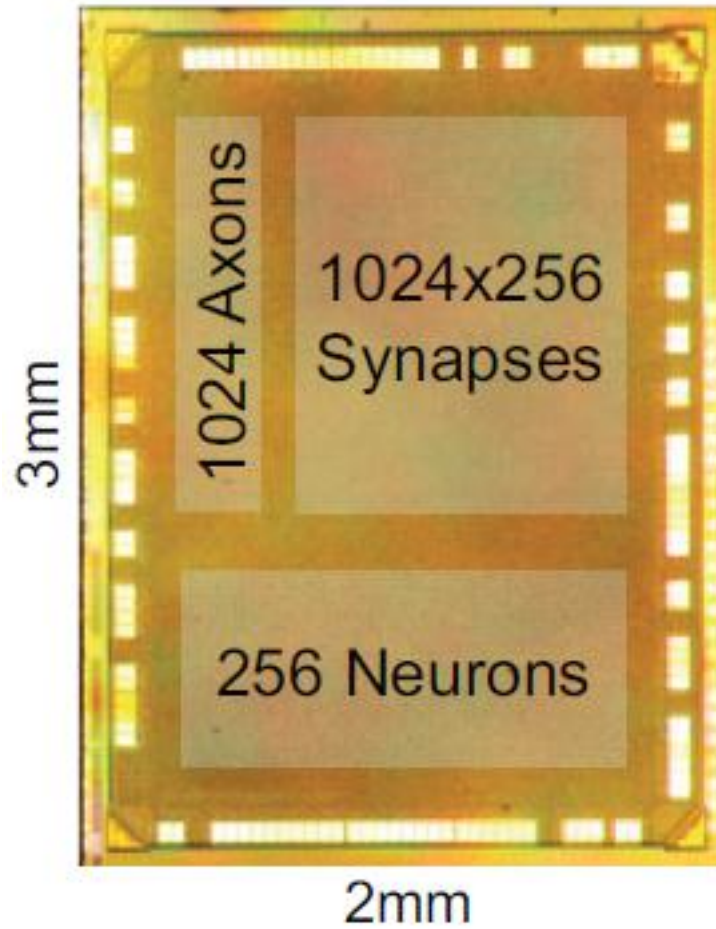
BAM is really daunting—we get
fooled by circuit diagrams and Golgi-staining

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Human Brains versus Digital Computers

- 10^{11} neurons x 10^4 synapses= 10^{15} computational elements
- Highly parallel
- Wet-ware (ms, μm)
- Hardware==Software, True
- Signal transduction=message passing
- Transistors: IBM Blue gene= 1.5×10^8
- IBM True North: 10^{14} synapses, running 1500 times slower than brains
- Parallel non-trivial
- CMOS
- In Silico (μs , nm)
- Hardware==Software, False
- Message passing non-trivial





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Morphological data are essential for understanding the cellular complexity of the nervous system, and are used for analysis, visualization, and modeling.



NeuroMorpho.Org was established to facilitate access to such data and to encourage data sharing in the whole neuroscience community. Description and distribution of reconstruction files



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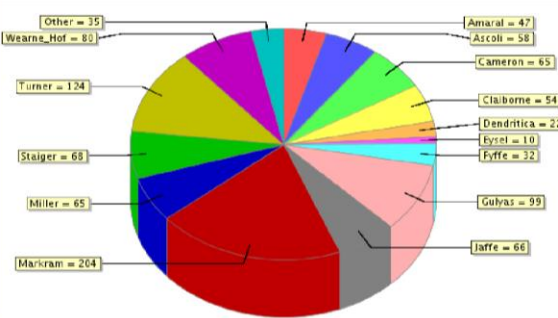
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By Animal Species

By Brain Region

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Steiger	65
Miller	65
Markram	204
Amaral	47
Ascoli	58
Cameron	65
Claiborne	54
Dendritica	22
Eysel	10
Fyffe	32
Gulvas	99
Jaffe	66

☐ **Amaral**


Rat

Hippocampus

Pyramidal cell

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
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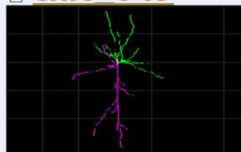
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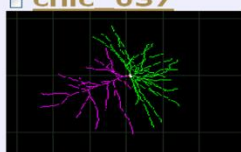
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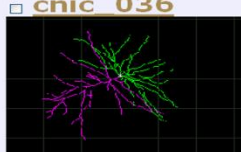
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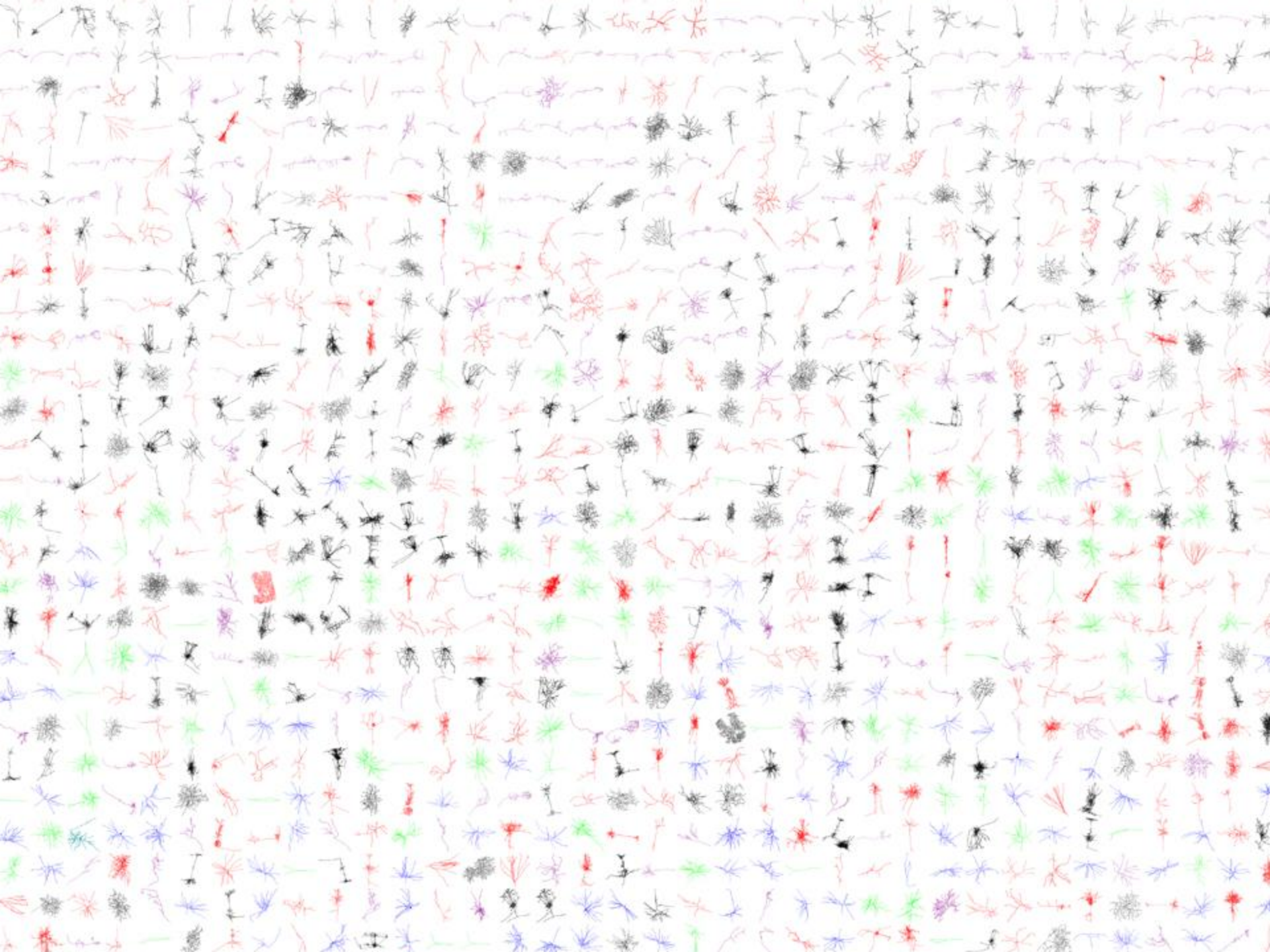
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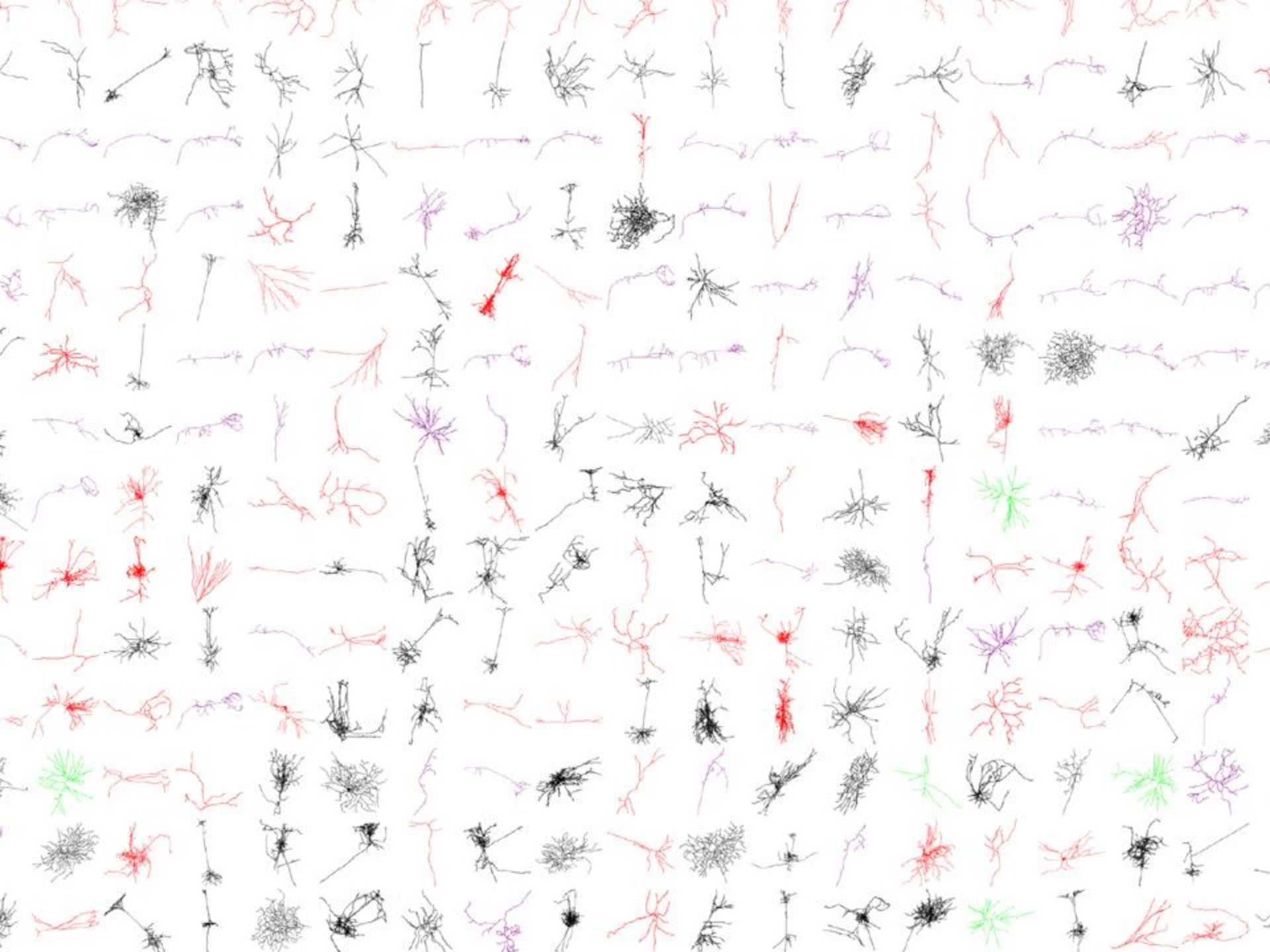
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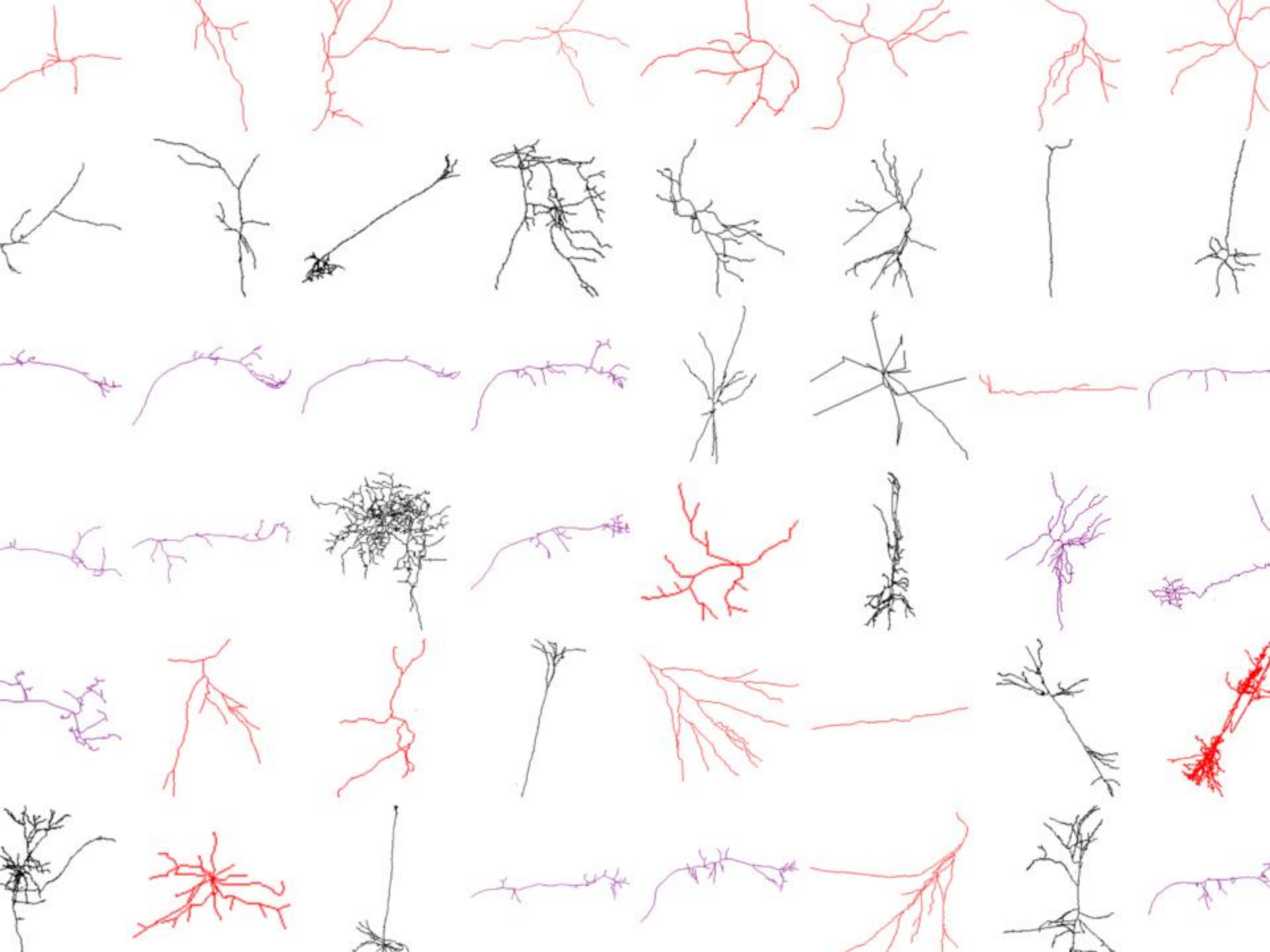
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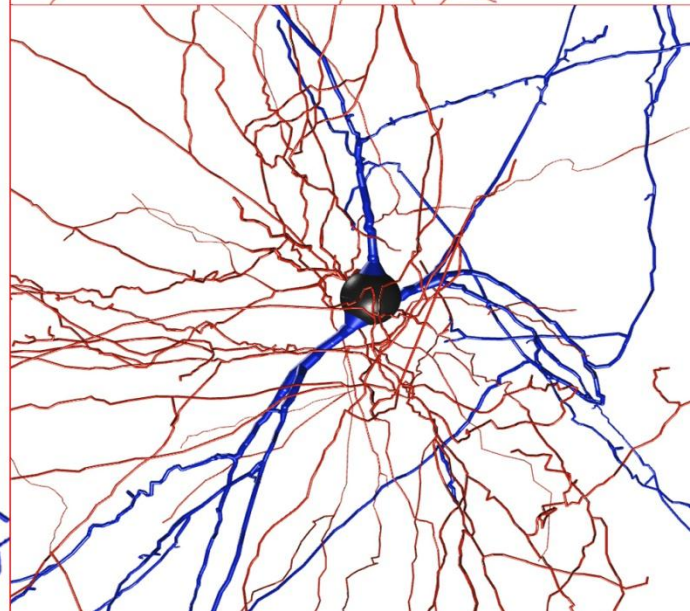
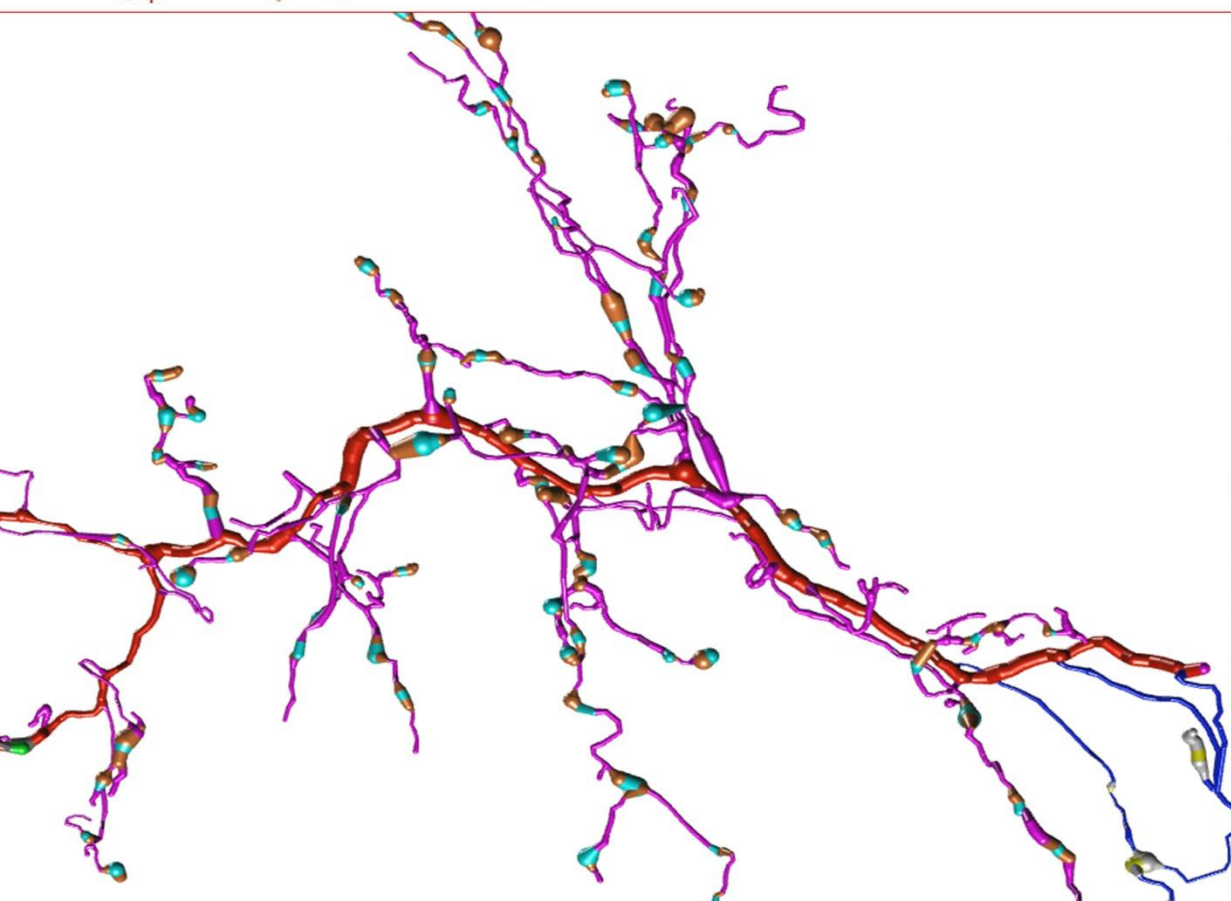
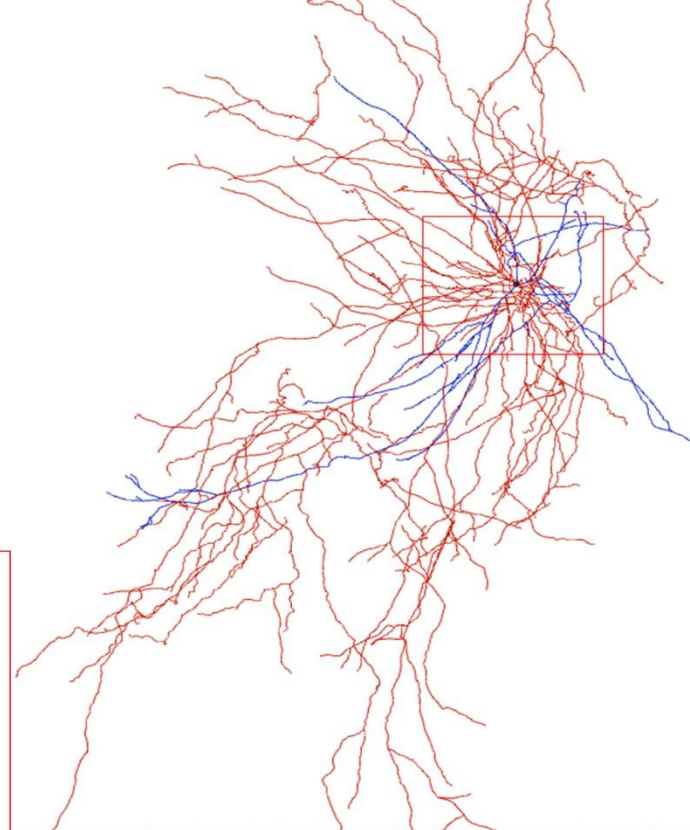
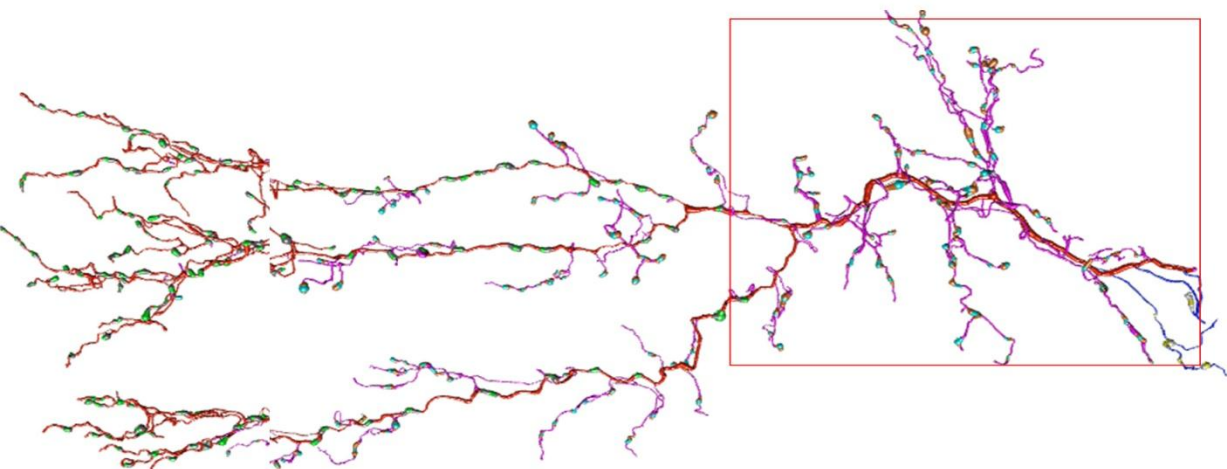
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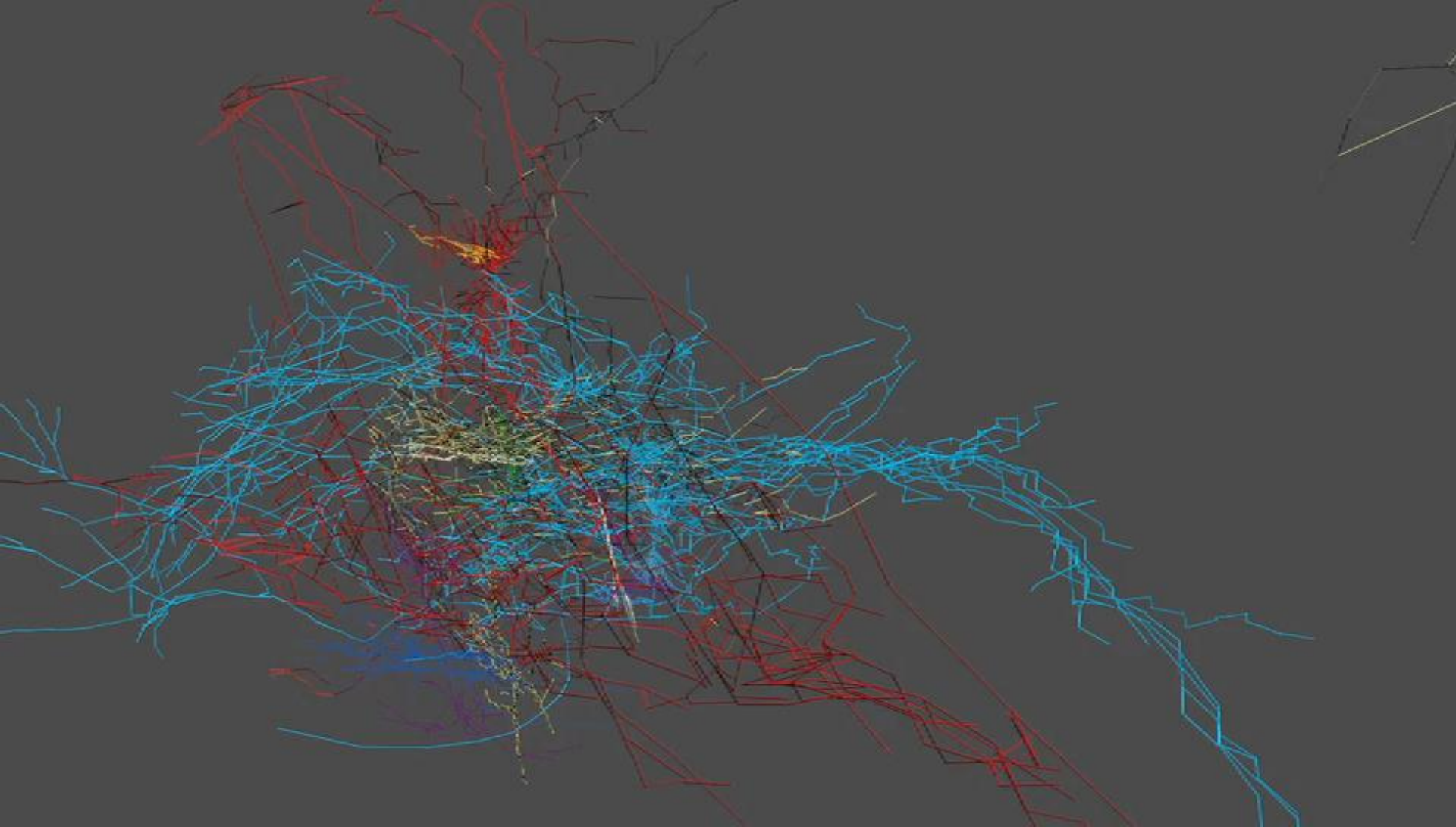




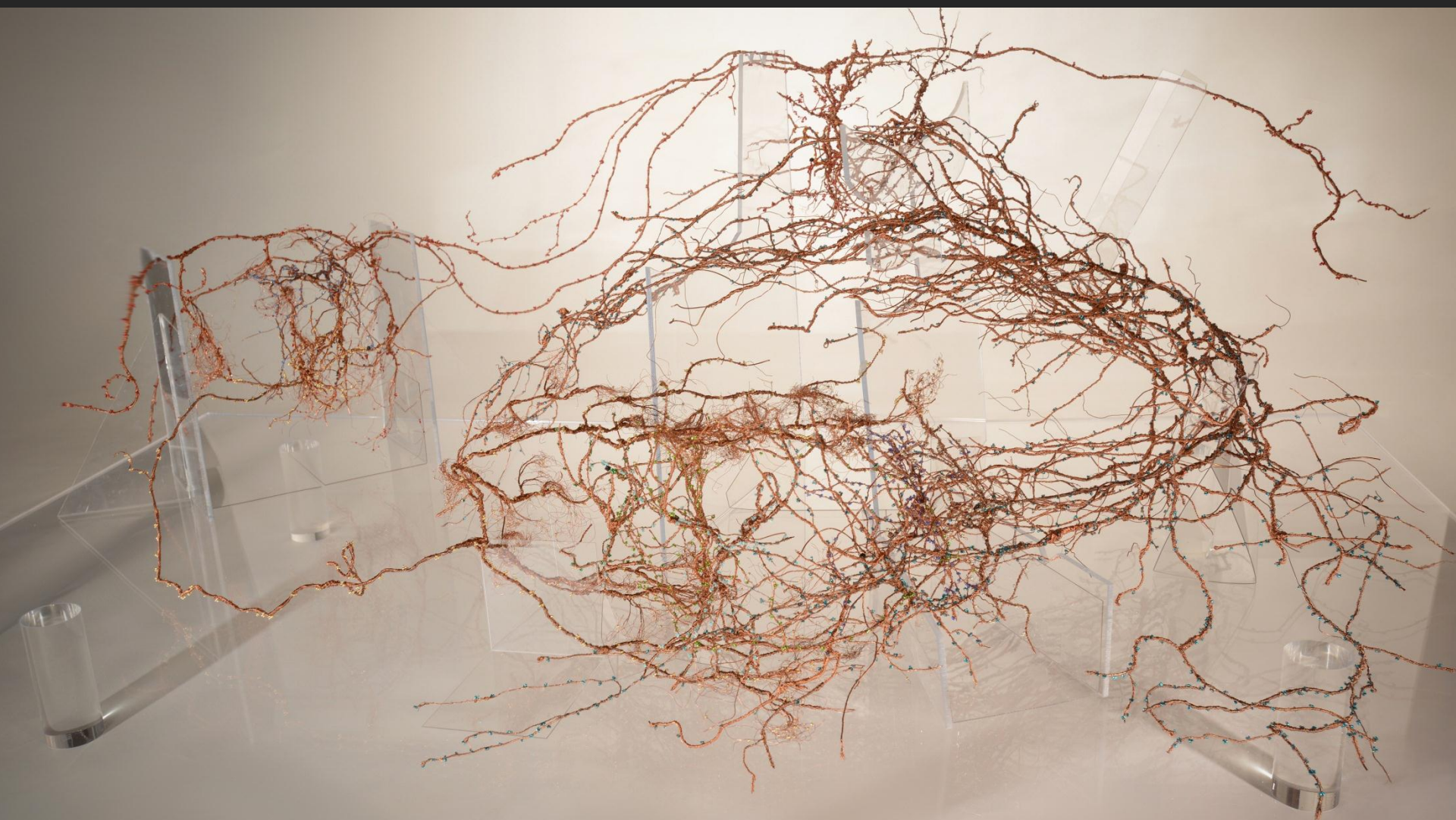








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What #BAM really means:

Time bins (ms)

10^{11}
neurons

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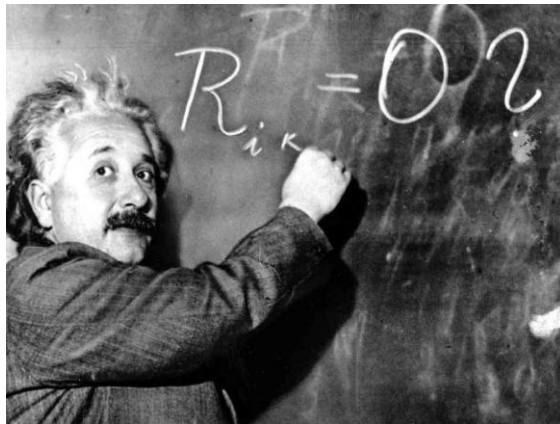
Morphological plasticity

Neurogenesis

Organization by cell assembly

The Cognitive Society:

We need a new BRAIN-inspired industrial revolution!



Vision: “The Cognitive Society”

- Future global enhanced cognitive awareness
- An emergent of the current co-evolution/trajectory of multiple fields
- Beyond the notion of #BAM and Connectome to a new concept: “Cognome” — the blueprint for higher cognition (individual and social)
- Renaissance in human cognition and social communication (enhancing *Team Science*)

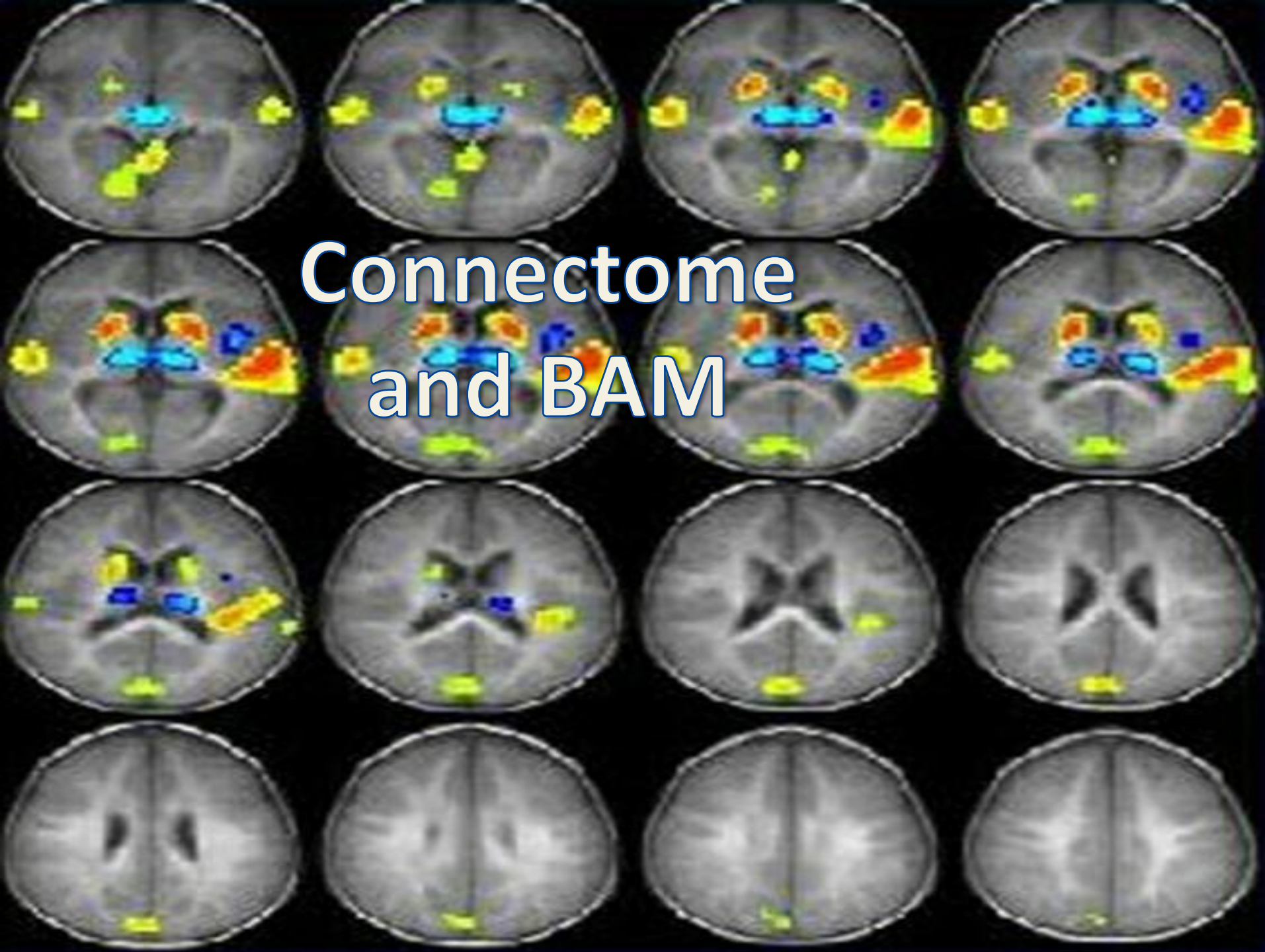
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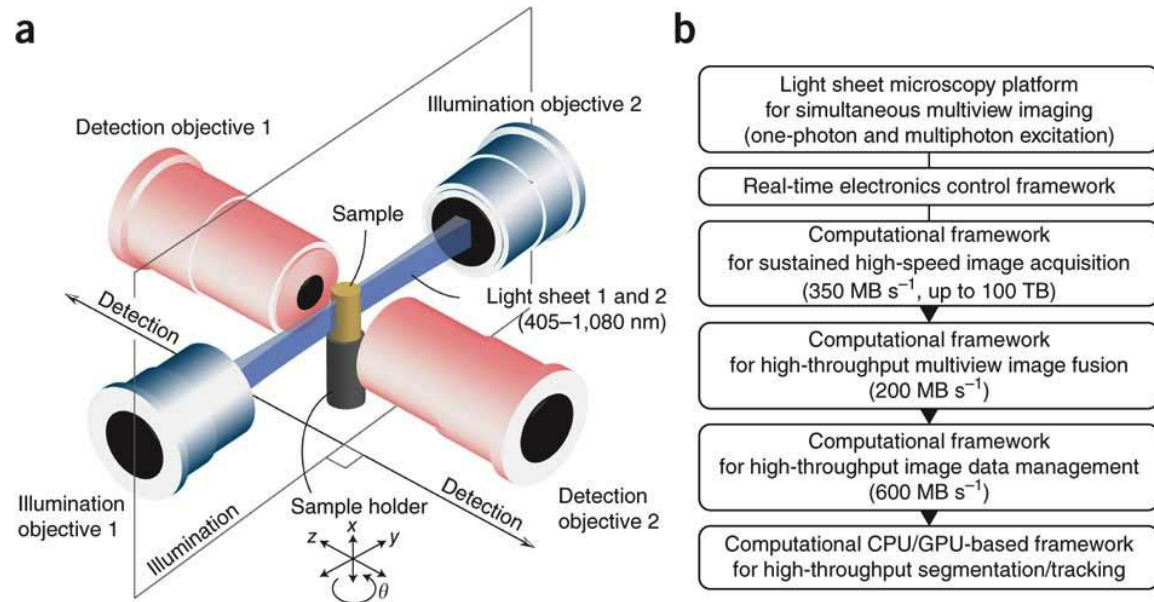
- NeuroX (X=econ, ethics, marketing, law etc.)
- Computing/Cloud/Social Networking
- Functional brain imaging & stimulation
- Social enabling of Big Data
- Widespread general access to “Maker” tech



Image: Christian Science Monitor

Connectome and BAM



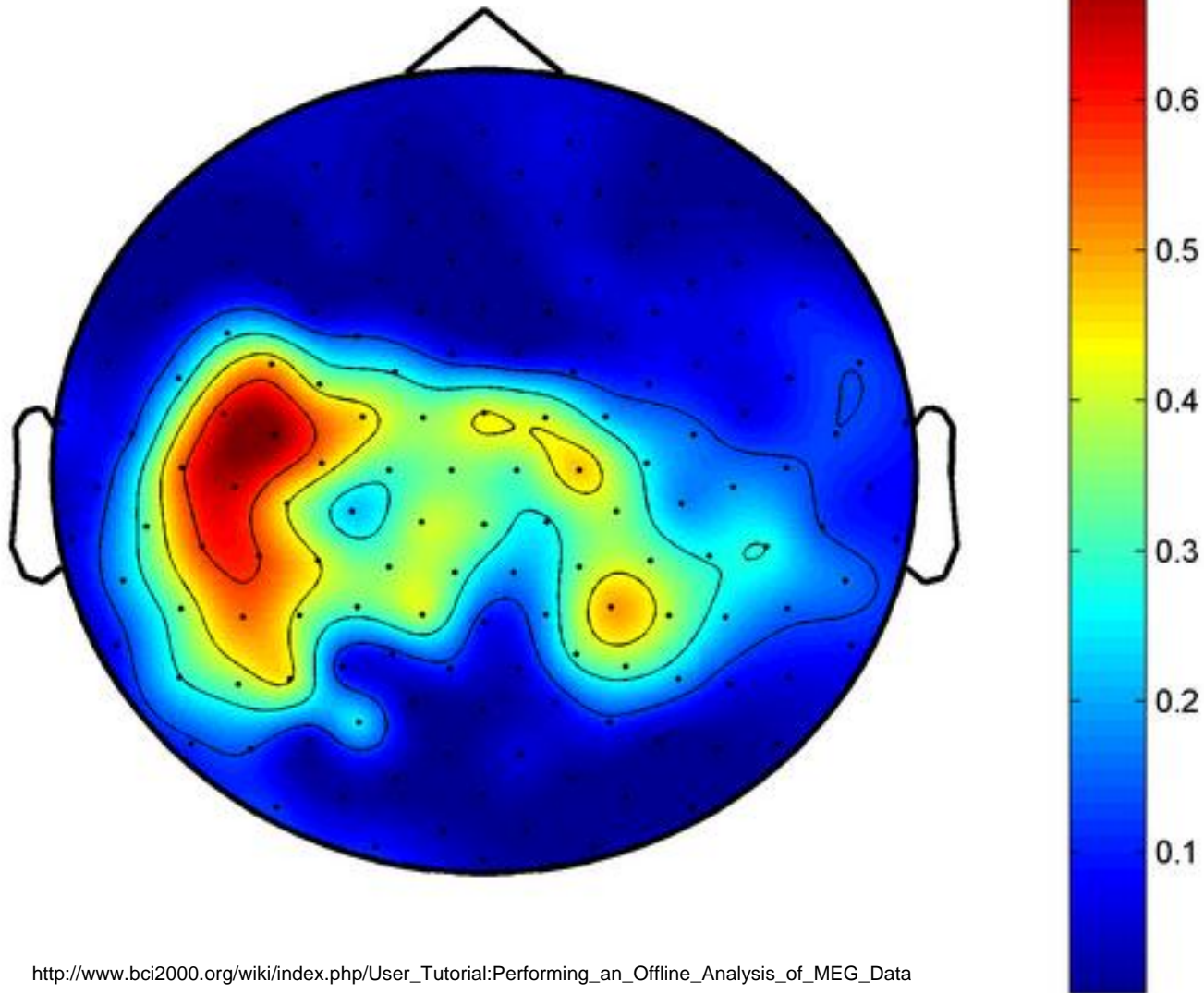


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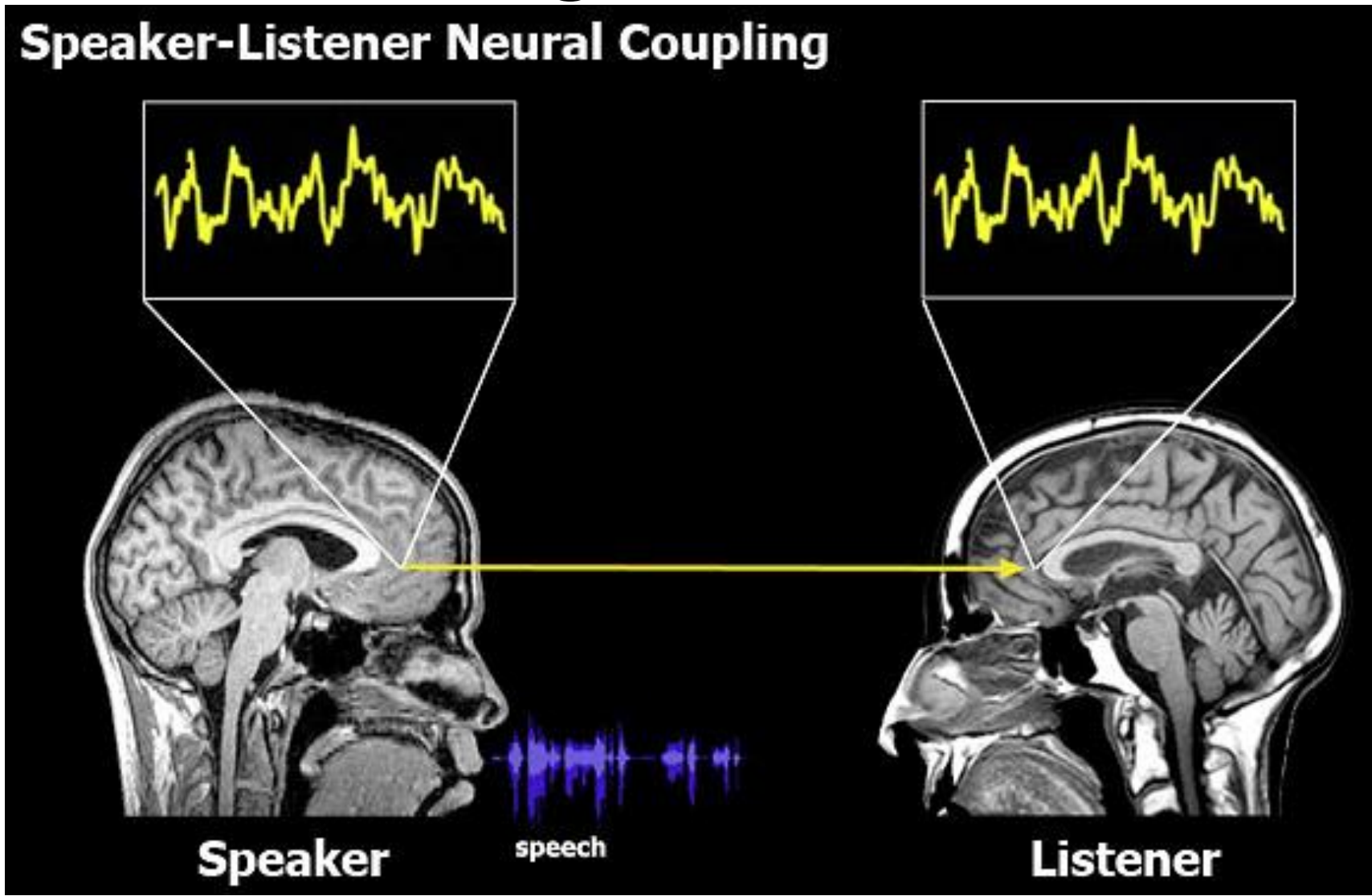
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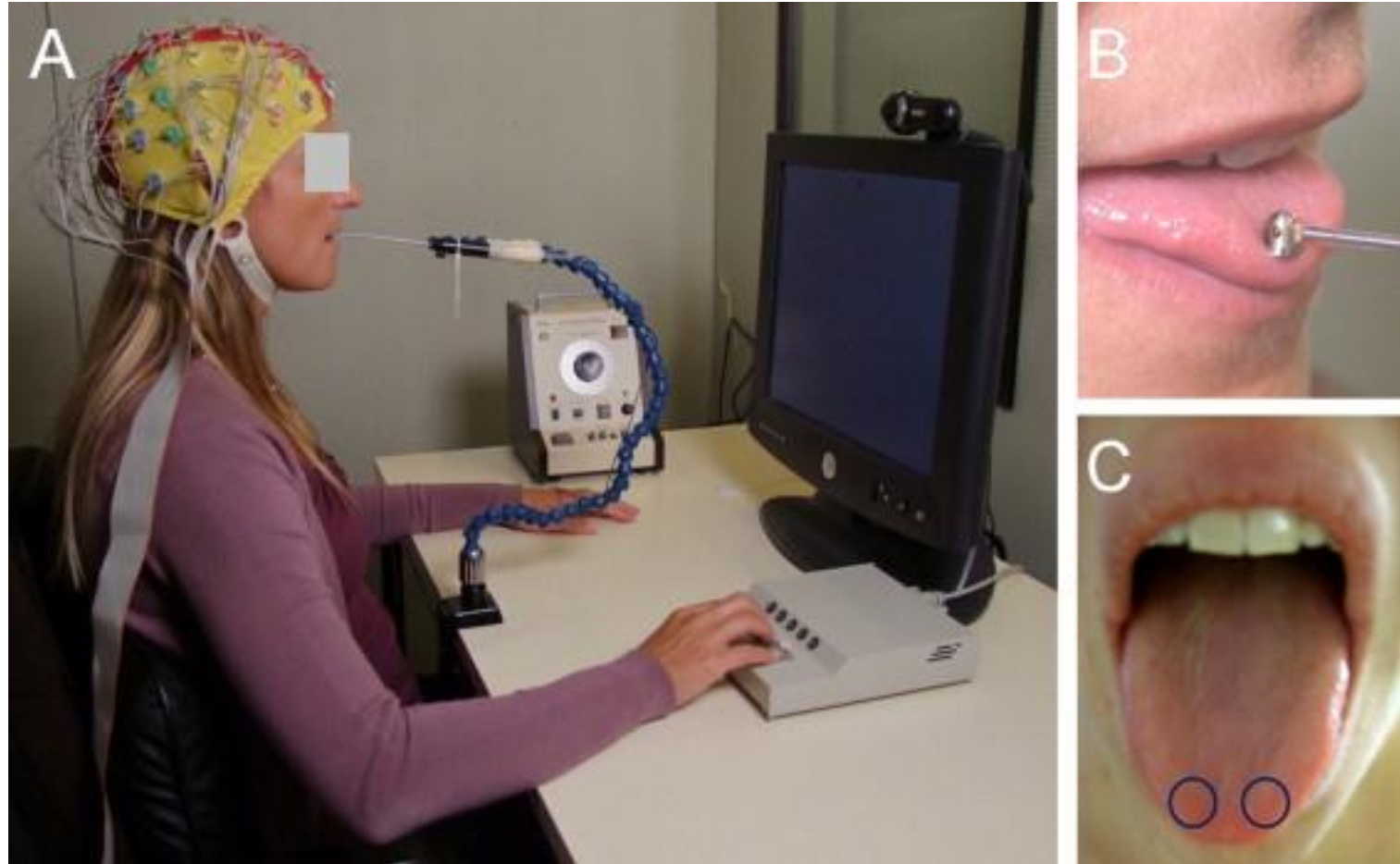
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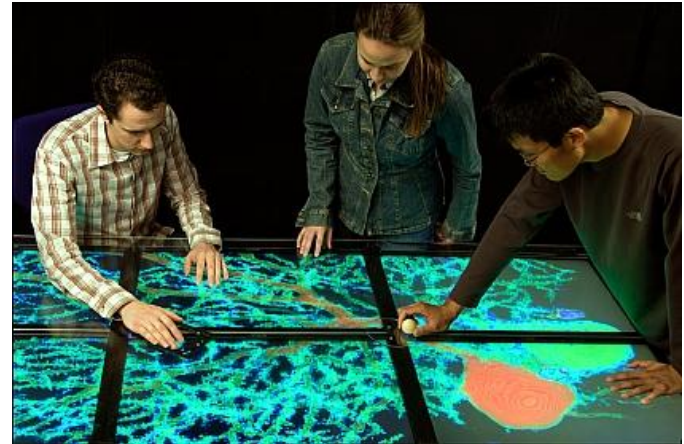


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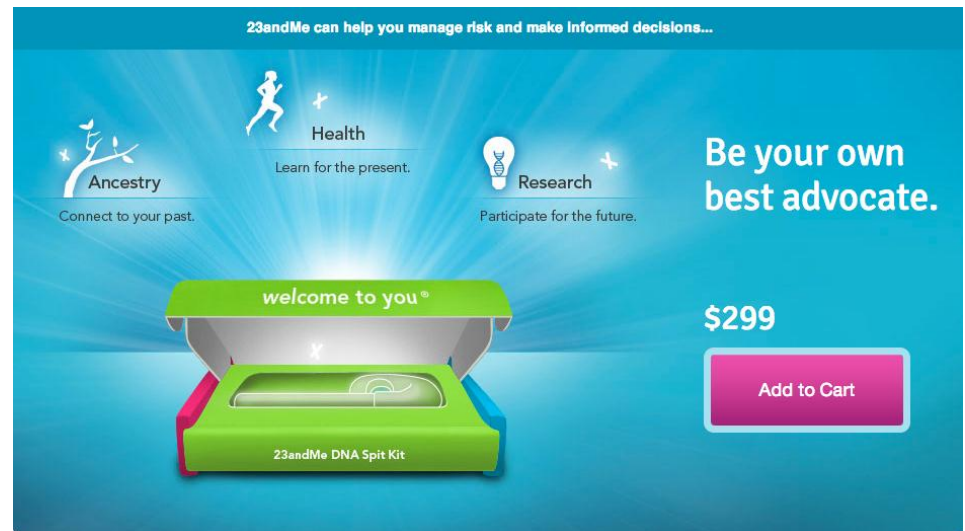
Cognitive science of science:

- Better designs for science tools
- Improved education for future scientists
- Insights to help science *teams*
- New principles for convergence between sciences

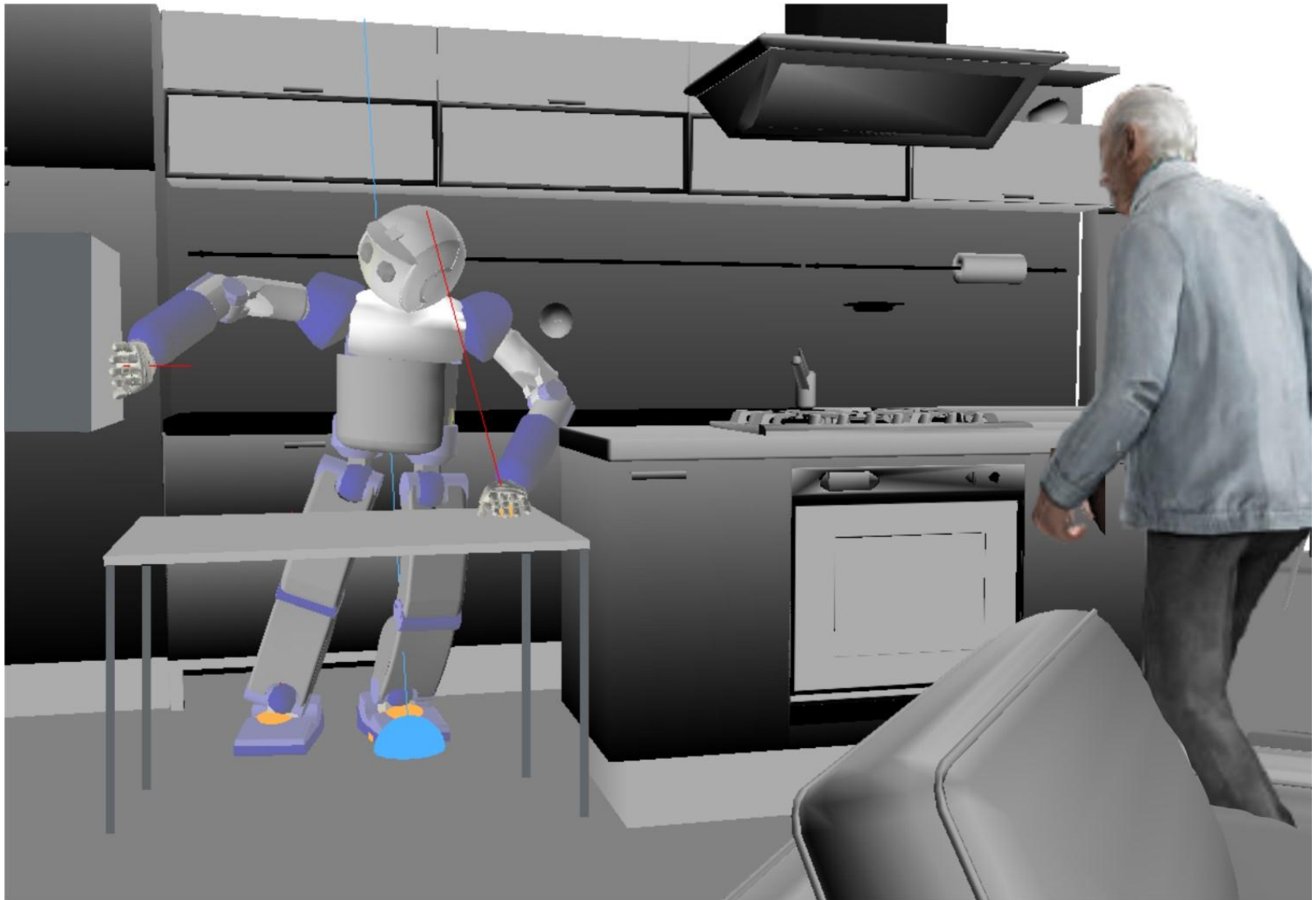


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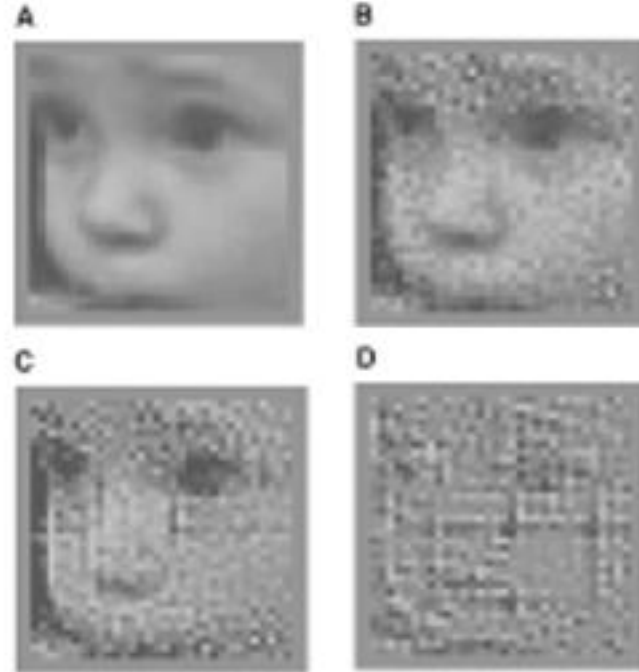
- Robotic Tech for Cognitive and Social Support
- Cognome
 - E.g. Using plasticity to heal brain diseases
- Personalized access to “omics”
- National reinvention



Robots to enhance “senior” life:



Nirenberg retina:



<http://www.cyberpunkworld.com/artificial-retina-uses-brain-communication-code-to-restore-vision/>

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“It’s time to lead again...”

National Reinvention

- Enhance the range of productivity to include retirement years
- Increase levels of safety and security so that normal decline of physical and mental abilities is lessened
- Improve methods of wealth development leveraging Moore’s Law
- Develop enhanced modeling of societies to keep life meaningful

Infrastructure needs:

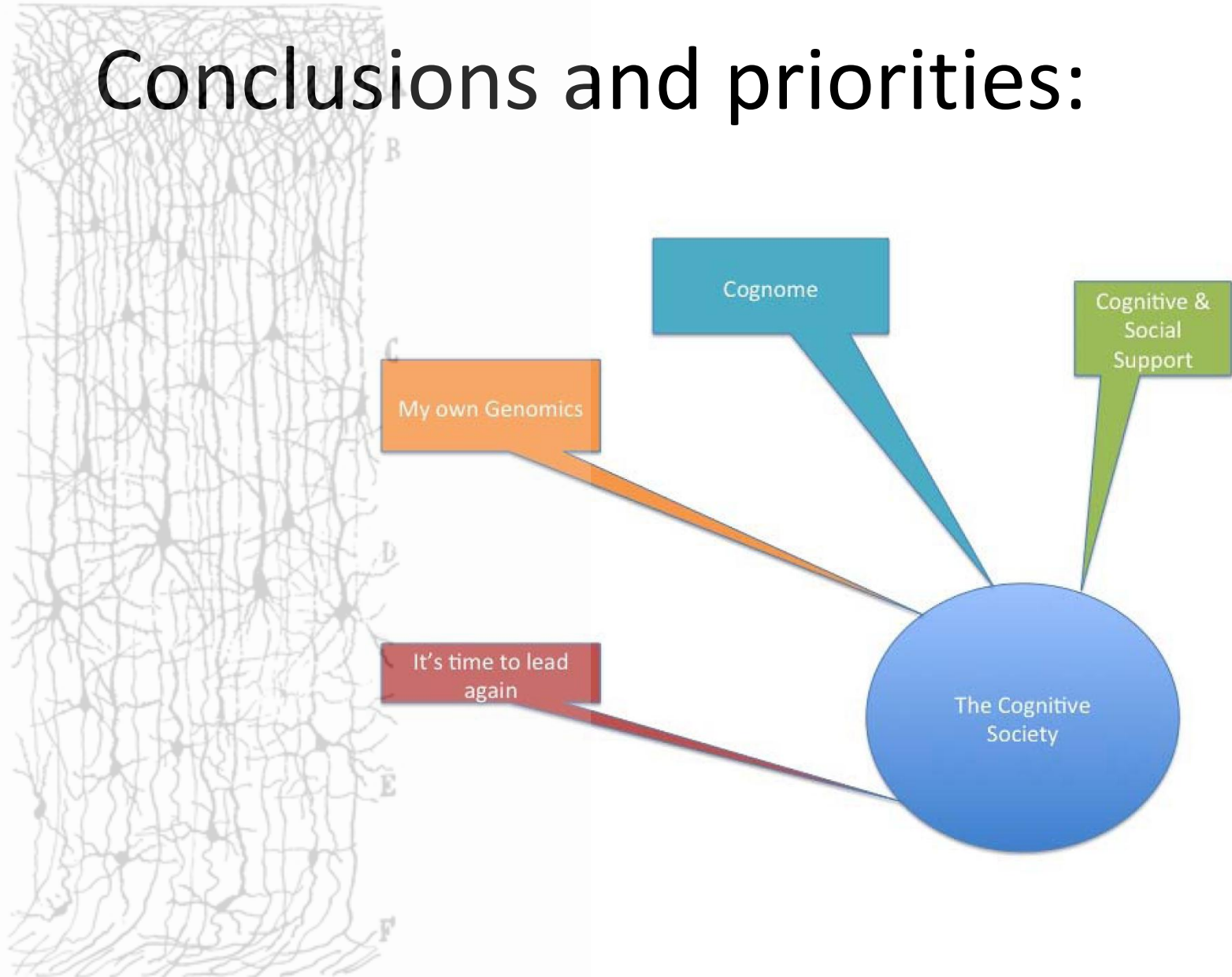
- Prime the pipeline w. the right kind of folks
 - What is a *transdisciplinary* scientist?
 - Enhance *Team Science* approaches
- Develop the tools understanding the cognome
 - Noninvasive brain imaging matched to neural code
 - *Big Data*
 - Interacting w. ensembles of neurons
- Governance structures
 - Data sharing/E-science

R&D Strategies:



- White House Brain Activity Map Initiative
- The gap: Between NIH and NSF funding coverage
- Fix P&T to incentivize trans-disciplinary
- Stakeholders (e.g. aging society) need to be properly involved
- Metrics of success standardized across disciplines
- Governance critical
- Invest in a new “Science of the Mind”
- Establish a *convergence* Ecosystem
- X-Prize Competitions

Conclusions and priorities:



Broad societal implications:

- Human society faces massive cognitive, communicative and physical challenges ahead
- Quality of human decision-making is fxn of natural human cognition and emergent effects of human-human interactions
- Welfare of human feeds back onto human cognitive capabilities and human decision making...

Broad societal implications (2):

- Thus: Convergent technologies that affect human cognition, communication and quality of life are of broad import!
- Our own view of what it means to be a human being will change fundamentally—a central characteristic of *The Cognitive Society*
 - BMI blurred
 - Human increasingly more deeply connected to each other
 - Notion of self evolves in yet unpredictable ways

The idea that our interacting cognitive brains represent an “information field” that can be explored using the same scientific principles that we have used to explore other fields may have a deep significance for how humans collaborate to solve complex problems in the future.